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ABC Cancels License at Arcadia Liquor Store*Store Sold Alcohol to Minors Numerous Times despite Repeated Citations*

Arcadia – The California Alcoholic Beverage Control has gone to court to remove the alcoholic beverage license of Wesley Kwong, owner of All Star Liquor located at 8 E. Duarte Rd. in Arcadia because he sold alcohol to minors on multiple occasions even though he was previously cited for violations and warned not to do so.

ABC Investigators and Arcadia Police arrested Mr. Kwong on October 26, 2007, after citing him for selling alcohol to an 18 year old, a 15 year old and a 16 year old. An ABC Staff Counsel appeared in criminal court on November 6, 2007, and filed a motion to force him to cancel his license as a condition of his sentence. Additionally, Kwong will be placed on three years probation and will make a \$1500 donation to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. In February and March 2007, ABC made 7 cases for Sales to Minors; all sales were directly from Kwong. Based upon those violations, the department filed an accusation. In addition, the department included a disorderly house violation for other illegal activity. Between ABC and Arcadia Police there were approximately 14 arrests in and around All Star Liquor involving minors and alcohol between February and July, 2007.

“This team police effort sends a very clear message that this type of illegal activity will not be tolerated. We take the issue of public safety for Arcadia youth very seriously and any operators who put young persons in danger will be held accountable,” said Arcadia Police Chief Robert Sanderson.

“I am pleased with the efforts of ABC and Arcadia Police, this case highlights an intense commitment to public safety and the welfare of young individuals,” said ABC Assistant Director Joseph Cruz.

There will not be any alcohol sold at the store for an indefinite period of time. ABC must approve any new license for any individual who might apply for a license and wants to sell alcohol at the current location. ABC is a Department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor’s Cabinet.